

### Key concepts

Not all sounds are musical, e.g. beeping, wind whistling.

Instruments fall into four groups:

- Stringed
- Brass
- Woodwind
- Percussion

The human voice can be monotone and melodic.

Music can be composed simply, using the 'pentatonic Scale'.

The pentatonic scale consists of five letters : A,C,D,E and G



### Key Vocabulary

stringed	Produce sound from vibrating strings.
brass	Sound made from the vibration of air from the players lips.
woodwind	Sound made by blowing air in or across a mouthpiece.
percussive	Relating to or produced by percussion
monotone	A sound that is unchanging in pitch.
melodic	Tunefulness
Pentatonic scale	A musical scale, with five notes per octave.

### Composer Information

*Also Sprach Zarathustra* was composed in 1896 by Richard Strauss.

**Richard Georg Strauss**, who lived from 11 June 1864 to 8 September 1949) was a German composer, conductor, pianist, and violinist. He was considered a leading composer of the late Romantic and early modern eras.

He was born in Munich, Germany and died in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

He was educated at Munich University.



### Things to do at home

Go on [www.kidrex.com](http://www.kidrex.com)

Can you find any other music composed by Richard Strauss?

Draw a picture of a rocket. Write the sounds you might hear when the rocket takes off. (countdown, revving engines, etc)

Which instruments might represent these sounds?